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IN THE TITLE:

Please cancel the existing title and substitute therefor the following substitute title:

RECREATIONAL REWARD-RELATED APPARATUS, AND ASSOCIATED
METHOD, FOR REWARDING PERFORMANCE OF EXECUTION OF A RECREATION
APPLICATION AT A MOBILE TERMINAL

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5, and amend claims 1-4, 6, 9, 12 and 16 by substituting therefor the
following substitute claims:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for a mobile terminal selectably also operable by
a user in a radio communication system to effectuate telephonic communication with
a communication station by way of a communication path that includes a radio part,
said apparatus comprising:

AI at least one executable block of code forming a recreational application,
executable by the user at the mobile terminal pursuant to user interaction therewith, execution of
the recreational application forming said executable block of code generating at least an indicia
of performance success of the execution by the user of the recreational application forming said
executable block of code;

a detector coupled to receive indications of the indicia of performance success
generated during execution of the recreational application forming said executable block of code,
said detector at least for detecting whether the indicia of performance is beyond a selected
threshold and for selectively generating a result indication indicative thereof and

a formatter coupled to receive the result indication generated by said detector, said formatter for formatting the result indication into a signal transmittable upon the communication path.

2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a user interface having a user actuator actuable by the user, selected actuation of the user actuator for initiating execution of the recreational application forming said executable block of code and for permitting the user interaction responsive to which the performance success is.

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3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said at least one executable block of code comprises a first recreational application formed of a first executable block of code and at least a second recreational application formed of at least a second executable block of code and wherein the selected actuation of the user interface by the user is further for selecting which of the first and at least second recreational application is formed of the first and at least second executable blocks of code, respectively, of which execution is initiated.

4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein further selected actuation of user actuator is permitted during execution of said executable block forming the recreational application and wherein the performance success of the execution of said block of code is determined, at least in part, responsive to selected user actuation of the user actuator.

5 ~~6~~. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a game score is tallied

A2 during execution of the recreational application, the game score forming the indicia of performance success.

8 ~~9~~. (Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~7~~ wherein the communication path

A3 includes a reverse link and a forward link, wherein the SMS message formed by said formatter is communicated upon the reverse link and wherein said apparatus further comprises a response-message receiver coupled to receive a response-message communicated to the mobile terminal, the response-message communicated upon the forward link responsive to the SMS message.

11 ~~12~~. (Amended) A method for forming a recreationally-related result

A4 indication at a mobile terminal selectably also operable by a user in a radio communication system to effectuate telephonic communication with a communication station by way of a communication path that includes a radio part, said method comprising:

executing an executable block of code at the mobile terminal, the executable block of code forming a recreational application, executable by the user, pursuant to user interaction with the mobile terminal;

generating at least an indicia of performance success of execution, during said operation of executing, of the recreational application formed of the executable block of code;

detecting whether the indicia of performance is beyond a selected threshold;

forming a result indication representative of detection made during said operation
of detecting; and

formatting the result indication into a signal transmittable upon the
communication path.

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16. (Amended) Reward-granting apparatus for an award server operable in
a communication system having a radio part, the award server adapted to
communicate with a mobile terminal in a communication system by way of a
communication path that extends through the radio part, said apparatus comprising:

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a result-indication signal receiver coupled to receive indications of a result-indication
signal communicated to the award server by the mobile terminal, the result-indication signal
generated responsive to success of execution at the mobile terminal of a recreational application,
success gauged by an indicia of performance success associated with the execution of the
recreational application beyond a selected threshold;

an award database having result data indexed together with a mobile terminal user
identity, said award database accessible at least responsive to receipt at said result-indication
signal receiver of the result-indication signal; and

a reward signal generator selectably operable responsive to data accessed from
said award database, said reward signal generator for generating a reward signal for
communication to the mobile terminal, the reward signal representative of a reward responsive at
least alternately to one of the result-indication signal and values stored in said award database.
